

CALIFORNIA'S OFFSHORE ISLANDS

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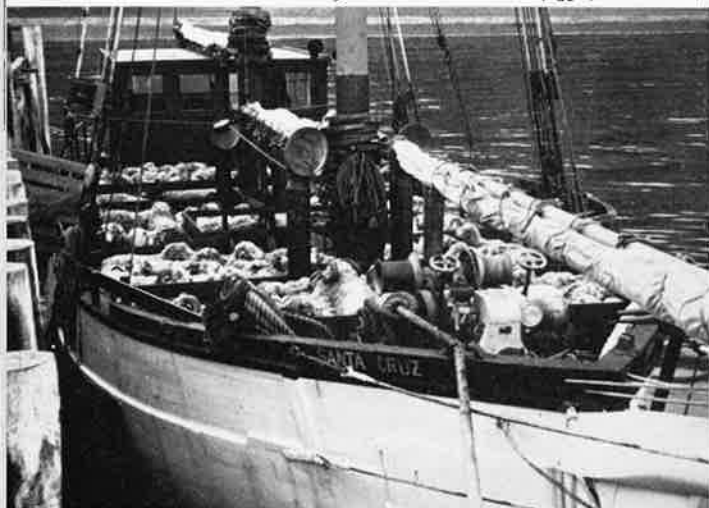
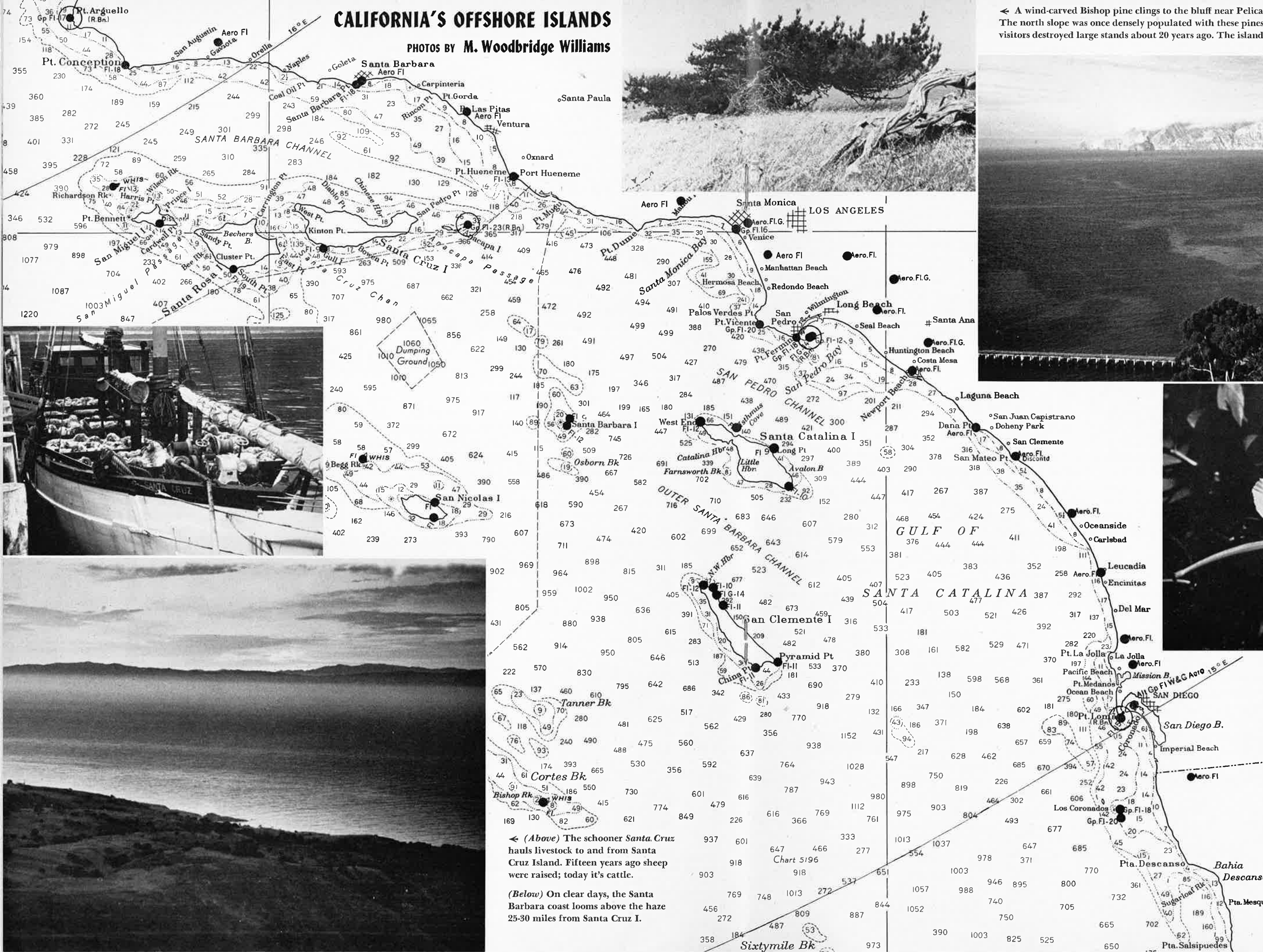
◀ A wind-carved Bishop pine clings to the bluff near Pelican Bay, Santa Cruz Island. The north slope was once densely populated with these pines, but fires set by careless visitors destroyed large stands about 20 years ago. The island is now "closed."



▲ (Above) Looking across China Bay towards the east end of Santa Cruz Island where a ridge runs almost at right angles to the main axis of the island.

(Below) The tree poppy brightens island slopes in summer with large yellow blooms. This species, *Dendromecon Harfordii*, is confined to the Santa Barbara Islands.

CHART: part of H.O. 5760, U. S. Navy, Edition of March 1942, corrected to 1953.
Scale: 1 inch = 15 sea miles.
Meridian of Huntington Beach, 118°W, Orella-Naples, 120°W.
Soundings in fathoms.
Latitude of Pt. Dume, 34°N.



◀ (Above) The schooner Santa Cruz hauls livestock to and from Santa Cruz Island. Fifteen years ago sheep were raised; today it's cattle.

(Below) On clear days, the Santa Barbara coast looms above the haze 25-30 miles from Santa Cruz I.